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**The Honorable William F. Burns
United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
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Dear General Burns:

The verification and monitoring of arms control agreements are important concerns of the Senate. As the Administration prepares for the ABM Treaty Review Conference, we believe it is vital that Congress be provided with information on key verification issues related to the ABM Treaty.

The Administration has reported that the Krasnoyarsk radar is a violation of the ABM Treaty and the Congress has overwhelmingly supported this conclusion. In the President's most recent Report to the Congress on Soviet Noncompliance, a new violation was declared with regard to Soviet deployment of ABM radars at Gomel. The President's Reports have, however, detailed cases in which no firm conclusion as to compliance or noncompliance could be reached. Our inability to reach a firm conclusion on certain Soviet ABM activities raises concern about the adequacy of our national technical means to monitor Soviet compliance with the ABM Treaty. It is our belief that as the Administration prepares for the ABM Treaty review it must consider the effect that new Soviet ABM programs and technologies will have on our capacity to monitor future compliance.

Pursuant to Sec. 37, Paragraph (2), of the Arms Control and Disarmament Act, we request that the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency submit a report to the Armed Services and Intelligence Committees that addresses whether there has been any degradation or alteration in the capacity of the United States to verify the ABM Treaty. This report should be in both classified and unclassified form. We request that such a report be provided prior to or shortly after the ABM Treaty Review Conference.

Sincerely,


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